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G.O. No. 726

Dated 10TH AUGUST 1949.

[Despatch Abstract.]

AGRICULTURE - I.C.S.C. - Scheme for research on storage of groundnuts - Final Report - Printed copies - Forwarded.

No.F.V.17/48-Sch/2885.
INDIAN OILSEEDS COMMITTEE
Room No.30. M-Block, Central Secretariat.
New Delhi, dated the 20th November, 1948.

From

K.C.Chetty Esq., B.Sc.(Edin)
Secretary.

To

The Deputy Secretary,
Government of Madras,
Development Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sub:- Agricultural Research - Oilseeds Scheme on Storage of Groundnuts, Madras Final Report.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter even No. dated the 9th August, 1948, I am directed to say that the Indian Oilseeds Committee at its meeting held on 21st October, 1948 considered the Final Report of the above mentioned scheme and approved it with the following remarks:-

"The Committee resolved to place on record its appreciation of the good work done in the scheme and recommended that the Report be printed and published. It was also decided that a leaflet containing the summary and the results of practical value obtained should be prepared in English to be translated in the regional languages for distribution amongst growers, traders and the public in the different provinces.

It was also recommended that the Plant protection Adviser to the Government of India should be requested to organise demonstration units on proper storage based on the findings and the results of the research.

Regarding the decortication of groundnuts it was recommended that with a view to improve the quality of the decorticated produce, the use of the beater type should be discouraged and the decorticating factories should be licensed and the regulation of speed be controlled to prevent a large proportion of splits and meeks in the decorticated produce."

I am, therefore, to request you to kindly arrange to send 500 printed copies of the above mentioned report for the use of this Committee. The report may be printed with the change in the heading as "Indian Oilseeds Committee" instead of "Indian Council of Agricultural Research." Suitable illustrations may be inserted in the report, wherever necessary.

I am also to request you to kindly arrange to get a leaflet prepared in English containing a summary and the practical results achieved and forward the draft to this Committee at an early date for printing and supply to the Provinces/States interested in the groundnut storage.

It is also requested that necessary action may be taken in regard to the decortication of groundnuts in the province of Madras as recommended by the Committee with a view to improve the quality of the decorticated produce.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- K.C.Chetty.
SECRETARY.

P.T.O.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Lr.No.115441 AII/48-5. Dated. 11-3-49

From

Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Indian Oil-Seeds Committee,
Central Secretariat, New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: Agriculture - I.O.S.C. - Scheme for research on storage of groundnuts - Final report - Recommendation of the Committee to improve the quality of the decorticated produce.

Ref: Your letter No.F.V.17/48-Sch/2885, dated 20-11-1948.

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I am directed to offer the following remarks regarding the decortication of groundnuts:-

2. From the experiments carried out under the Scheme of research on storage of groundnuts it has been established that the 'split' and 'broken' components of the commercial grade of groundnut are more liable for deterioration in storage than the 'whole' kernals. Neither the local traders nor exporting firms seem to have fully realised the importance of keeping down the percentage of these fractions in the marketed produce. Further, since the demand for groundnut kernels is more than the supply, the price is not always ruled by quality. Therefore in the absence of any penalty for the bad quality of the produce, the growers have been marketing all sorts of produce and the decorticating factories have not been taking necessary precautions to keep down the percentage of 'split' and 'broken' kernels in the decorticated produce. At the same time the Government consider that it would be administratively difficult to licence factories with a view to see that they use only the ~~grnkn~~ great type. Enforcement of such legislation will require considerable staff, and it is considered that the employment of large staff may not be feasible in view of the imperative need for economy at present in the administrative expenditure of the Government.

3. I am however to suggest that the leaflet containing the summary of the practical results achieved in the Scheme for research on storage of groundnuts proposed to be printed may be distributed to the factories and the Market Committees so that the paramount importance of keeping down the proportion of 'split' and 'broken' ~~fx~~ fractions in the marketed produce may be kindly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- x x
Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Director of Agriculture, with reference to his Letter No.D.3.10614 dated 9-2-1949.
Copy to the Director of Industries and Commerce, with reference to his Letter No.4959/A4/48, dated 3-1-1949.

To A.S.

Please see copy of the letter from the Director of Agriculture addressed to I.O.S.C. on p.39 above.

No further action is pending in the file. The papers may be recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

AGRICULTURE - Indian Oil Seeds Committee - Scheme for research on storage of groundnuts - Final report - Printed copies - Forwarded. & Recorded.

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No.726. Dated the 10th August 1949.

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Secretary to Government.

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R. Thiagarajan 8.12

OFFICE ASSISTANT,
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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"The final report on the scheme of research on storage of groundnuts dated 31-3-1947" has not been typed.